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Enclosed is a copy of an English Translation of an International Preliminary Examination Report dated June 7, 2004 from the International Bureau of WIPO concerning counterpart International Application No. PCT/JP2003/007831. The listed references were filed with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 20, 2004 and are therefore not being submitted again.

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It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered and acknowledged by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, be made of record therein, and that the listed document(s) be cited in the issued patent.

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